

**South Dakota Public Safety Communications Council  
12-15-2017, Pierre, SD**

**Called to order and roll-call: 9:02 AM**

14 of 18 members present or had proxy attending: Kull, Ackerman, Satterlee, Maupin, Goodwin, Timmerman, Johnson (SDAHO), Collins, Tooley, Geigle, Reiter, Saunsoci, Kevghas (DOH), Pierce.

Not present: Wilcox, Barth, Gorton, and Nachtigall.

**No additional agenda items.**

**Approval of December 2016 minutes:**

Minutes approved by Timmerman, second Reiter. Approved by voice vote of council.

**New Business**

**1. 2017/2018 Budget.**

Pierce covered existing budget, some items skew the percentages, but with 33% of year remaining, 21% of budget remaining. Big payment at beginning of fiscal year to Motorola always makes the percentages look worse until end of year.

State and Local Implementation Grant Program (SLIGP) \$72.882 expended of state funds or soft match and \$290,123 of federal funds.

Discussion on use of revenue from tower leases to cover tower-related costs.

**2. FY18 Budget Request.**

No increase to existing budget.

**3. 2017 Legislative Session**

Budget submission was not in approved Governors budget, reintroduced as SB121, and then tabled as the available funding became more apparent.

**4. Messaging For the System Upgrade**

Significant discussion held on path ahead for the radio system and upgrade. Pierce, Tooley, Kevghas, Goodwin, Brian Soehl. Discussion on material to forward to responders across the state. Tooley, Reiter, Pierce, Satterlee, Mike Waldner, Jeff Mellhaff, Timmerman, Saunsoci, Geigle, Gilbert Johnson, Kevghas, Staci Ackerman. Proposed acceptance of document by Timmerman, second by Reiter.

**5. System Components to Upgrade**

Discussion on the different components such as the Integrated Voice and Data, and MOSCAD (system fault reporting). Council felt that the value brought by these two components were well worth maintaining those as part of the ongoing planning and discussion.

## **Old Business**

### **1. Grant Status**

Pierce discussed the SLIGP 2.0 grant process. This will require us to return some of the original funding that will not be utilized any re-apply.

### **2. Digital Radio Infrastructure Updates**

Todd Dravland gave an overview of projects underway and completed relating to the statewide radio system. Discussion on the WAVE application by Pierce, Goodwin, Dan Hawkins, Reiter. Covered the Christmas day storm 2016 and effects on system and budget.

### **3. SCIP Update**

Pierce updated group on completion of ESCIP.

### **4. OEC UPDATES**

Dan Hawkins gave an update on OEC activities. Discussed encryption standards used in North Dakota during the protest, as well as video used during that even. Looking ahead at the potential for the Keystone pipeline to have an impact on South Dakota.

### **5. Train the Trainer**

Pierce and Dravland updated group on the training program. There has been no activity with this program as of late. Tooley and Waldner had input on this topic related to public safety broadband.

### **6. National Public Safety Broadband**

FirstNet update by Pierce and Waldner. RFP award has been postponed by a protest by one of the vendors vying for the project. Rivada/Mercury was disqualified as one of the remaining vendors and has filed a legal protest, and Waldner covered the legal process. Discussed timelines associated with project once ruling is made, delivery of state plan to South Dakota. Discussion included Reiter on opt-in process and approval of potential state plan, Timmerman on push to talk functionality.

### **7. Radio Collection/Distribution Process**

Timmerman reported that the radio redistribution program is continuing, with Todd Dravland confirming the amount of radios circulating through. Discussion on radios to be kept and further distribution ongoing. Tooley, Pierce, Kevghas.

### **8. Corson/Madison Tower Replacement**

Pierce/Dravland updated group on completion of the Corson (McLaughlin) tower (completed), and the award of the new tower contract to Tower Systems Inc. for the construction of the Madison tower (construction beginning in next month). Tooley inquired if the antennas and the new tower could be slightly moved to better cover parts on Minnehaha that have issues today. Ackerman asked for costs associated with operating each tower site, which is approximately \$20,000.

#### **9. WAVE Project**

Discussion on the radio system app WAVE centered around issues currently being encountered.

#### **10. Expansion Sites**

No new news on the Union County site as no funding has become available to install the new site. Discussed cost to add expansion sites & if that should be included in budget request. Tooley, Pierce Geigle, Dravland, Timmerman

#### **11. Other**

No new other business.

#### **Organizational Reports**

Ackerman. Chiefs & Sheriff's conference in April.

Satterlee, last meeting Scott Rechtenbaugh taking over.

Tooley, NG911 system, wrapping up first stage.

Reiter, dispatch hiring, busy spring so far with early fires, updated pocket guides. On behalf of Andy Barth of the federal side, updates to the Fed Forestry side.

Pierce, roster and travel forms.

Next meeting

Meeting sometime in June. Ackerman to adjourn, Goodwin second.